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MEMO

DATE: February 28, 2012

TO: Commissioners Court

FROM: Tracy R. Homfeld, PE, CFM; Assistant Director of Engineering

SUBJECT: Approval to use discretionary funding to participate in the construction of a shared drive for two property owners along the FM 455 from US 75 to E. of Hwy 5, TxDOT roadway project. New Bond Project # 07-00-18. Collin County's participation will be \$60,845.72

- Collin County funded the final Engineering for FM 455 from US 75 to just east of Hwy 5. Final plans are being prepared by Dannenbaum Engineering.
- Regional Toll Revenue funds have been committed to fund the construction of the widening of the roadway from a 2 lane rural to a 4 lane (ultimate 6) urban roadway.
- TxDOT is now in the process acquiring Right of Way. The Roadway Construction Project is scheduled to be let in June 2012.

In order to facilitate the acquisition of Right of Way along FM 455 and to stay on track for the June 2012 Let date, TxDOT has asked the county to fund a shared drive for two adjacent property owners along FM 455. Because of design restrictions, separate median openings could not be established for each property owner. Instead, one median opening (See Attached Exhibit) will be created feeding into a shared drive for the two properties. Because the shared drive must be constructed outside of the approved TxDOT project limits (the right of way), state funds cannot be used. In order to keep this project on schedule, TxDOT is requesting that County funds be used for this construction.

We will be bringing a TxDOT participation agreement to the court for approval at a later date; however we would like to commit funds now so that TxDOT can complete the acquisition of these parcels. TxDOT has provided a cost breakdown for the shared drive. Collin County's participation will be \$60,845.72. See attached Spreadsheet.

ACTION:

We request Commissioners Court approve the use of discretionary funds to participate in the construction of a shared drive for two property owners along the FM 455 from US 75 to E. of Hwy 5, TxDOT roadway project. New Bond Project # 07-00-18. Collin County's participation will be \$60,845.72

We will be available to respond to Commissioners Court questions and comments.

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